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Judgment for $1,300 Is Awarded Woman Shot by Clerk at Local Store.

Beatrice Allen, colored, has been awarded $1,302 in a compromise judgment in Forsyth superior court in actions against Isaac Silver Brothers and Company and H. L. Green Chain Stores for damages sustained when she was shot twice by an employee of Silver's after being chased out of the store May 20, 1933.

The two cases were consolidated for preparation of the judgment, as the two defendant corporations were mutually concerned by the action. Settlement of the civil action leaves a criminal action still pending in court against J. H. Bradford, who was charged with the shooting.

The two cases were docketed for trial at next week's term of county court, but of course will be removed from the docket.

The prosecuting witness declared in her complaint that she entered the store on the day mentioned; was approached by a man whose name she could not learn at the time but later found to be "Mr. Hudson"; that Hudson seized her hands and declared that he intended to search her; that Hudson called help and J. H. Bradford, a special officer at the store, came up and struck her with a pistol; that she became frightened and fled from the store; that Bradford chased her and shot her in the wrist; that later, when she ran into a pedestrian and was hurled around facing her pursuer, he shot her in the chest.

The plaintiff further declared that she spent sometime in the hospital and that she suffered permanent injury, as the bullet in her chest could not be safely removed and had been left permanently.

The defense contended throughout the action that the Negress had stolen merchandise while in the store and that this was the reason the officer tried to detain her. She was tried and convicted in municipal court on this charge, police state. It was contended, however, that more force than was necessary was used in apprehending her.